

Stop The T-Mobile + AT&T merger/buyout!

Dear XXXXXX

As a constituent, I am writing you today to ask you to **please offer your support in opposition to the announced AT&T buyout of T-Mobile**. I want to express my strong opposition to this proposed merger, which would have dramatically negative consequences upon the wireless communications landscape.

This is both a local and national issue of great importance and I ask for your involvement.

I am a current T-Mobile customer and have been a customer for over ten years. I have no desire whatsoever to be an AT&T customer or for AT&T to benefit in any way from my business. If this deal were to go through, I would have no choice in the matter given the resulting national duopoly that this deal would create.

It is my opinion that the following negative consequences would come to pass, should this bad business deal be permitted to occur:

- **Choice of handsets would be further limited** within the US market, thus restricting handset manufacturer competition and innovation.
- **Service contracts would become more restrictive** and one-sided, resulting in consumers being locked-in to these strong-arm contracts which demand huge financial penalties for consumers, with virtually no risk for the carriers.
- The national carriers would be able to **raise prices** on contract rates and services unchecked by the **lack of competition** in the marketplace.
- **Jobs would be lost** as "synergy" and "economies of scale" were put into effect by the new organization.
- There would be fewer opportunities for third-party vendors who supply services and materials to T-Mobile and AT&T, as the larger resulting carrier would have immense and nearly complete control over the marketplace for said products and services.
- Innovative companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft, and RIM/Blackberry would be at the mercy of these gigantic mega-national carriers. Without permission to carry their innovative, highly-competitive products and services, these players would be **strangled into submission**, as there would be no venue to bring their offerings to the market. **Who brought you the iPhone? Who brought you Android phones? Why brought you Blackberries?** It certainly wasn't innovation by AT&T or Verizon!
- Were this deal to go through, I find it very likely that Sprint would be forced to sell or merge with Verizon, thus further limiting competition within the national market, further limiting competition and consumer choice. I am not alone in this opinion, as it has been expressed by many others.
- The resulting mega-corporation **would create an immensely powerful political entity** where previously the opinions of corporate AT&T and T-Mobile would often differ. These differing opinions would be completely silenced with no replacement at hand.

Please oppose the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile! This is a bad deal for the United States as a whole!

Finally, let it be known that this letter was written by myself at my own behest, and is not a part of any larger organized campaign, and is a direct and true reflection of my own opinion and judgment.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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